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## CHRISTMAS GIVING

The people of America should give to charity this Christmas as largely as their means will allow.

They should first give to the needy of their own land, and then to the institutions that are trying to relieve suffering abroad.

Never since this planet began its journey through space has there been such need among the humanity upon its surface as there is today. Never before have so many men been torn with torturing wounds or so many women and children destitute.

The story we print elsewhere, of the suffering of women and babies in Belgium, was not written by a wild-eyed sensationalist but by an American newspaper man who has won a place in the front rank of journalism by his accuracy.

His story covers only a little space in the wide area of desolation that the war has brought to Europe.

We cannot begin to relieve it all. We should relieve all we can.

It is useless and foolish to step now to argue what has caused all the trouble or who is to blame, or what other people should do. It must be plain to us what we should do.

The American mother who gives what she can spare for the relief of the homeless mothers and starving babies of Belgium will have all the more right to be thankful for the safety and plenty of her own land.

Somewhere there is a saying that "he who gives quickly gives twice." In view of the need today, it is no exaggeration to say that those who give quickly give a hundred fold.

Champ Clark took a drop too much the other night in a western town just before confronting his audience to deliver his lecture, and the stuff "flew to his head" to an extent that compelled him to cut short his address. Considerable journalism might well have kept silent on the subject, but with wanton cruelty the news of the brief aberration of the speaker of the house was spread all over the country to the unspeakable shame and sorrow of his wife and daughter and no good whatever to anybody. Had Mr. Clark done something notably good and praiseworthy on that same night there would have been nothing said about it in the press.—Lakeland Telegram.

Champ is old enough to know that if a man in his position takes a drop too much, and it is found out, the press will be sure to spread it all over the country, and should govern himself accordingly.

Boston, Dec. 14.—Night shirts are to be worn tonight by inmates of the state prison in Charlestown for the first time, it is said, in the history of penal institutions. Sixteen hundred of them are ready for distribution among the prisoners, each of whom will be supplied with two.—Press Dispatch.

The convicts in our much abused Florida penal camps have been wearing night shirts for years. The law requires the lessees to supply them with facilities for bathing, nightshirts and good beds to sleep in, and keeps inspectors constantly on the watch to see that the law is not violated.

Bulgaria's policy in the war was outlined Saturday by Stefan Panaretoff, first Bulgarian minister to the United States, who was interviewed in New York while on his way to Washington. According to Panaretoff Bulgaria will preserve neutrality so long as neutrality seems best suited to Bulgaria's own interests; but if a condition arises whereby Bulgaria may improve by taking up arms, she might be relied upon to join in the war against Austria.

Woodrow Wilson is patient—sometimes, perhaps, too patient. But he is no bluffer. He would not have ordered more troops and guns to the border line if he had not intended they should be used if necessary. He will give the Mexicans all reasonable time to stop firing across the border. But they will have to stop, or they will be stopped.

The Star believes in building up the American merchant marine. That part of our merchant marine nearest

to Ocala is the freight boat line on the Oklawaha. Let's build it with speed and persistency.

## NEW FREIGHT BOAT BROUGHT A BIG LOAD

The G. A. Carmichael, the new freight boat of the Silver Springs Transportation Company's line, arrived yesterday morning from Jacksonville with over two carloads of freight aboard for the Carmichael & Son Co. This is the second trip from Jacksonville, but on the first trip she only had a small cargo. The two carloads of freight only about half loaded the boat. With her powerful motor the boat comes up the swift current at a very rapid gait and the entire trip from Jacksonville to Silver Springs is made in a comparatively short time. Coming up on the boat this time with Mr. Ed. Carmichael was a government engineer, who was inspecting the river, with a view of having the snags and logs removed and a few of the worst points in the river cut away.

## "MAHEDI" GODDARD

At the meeting of the Moharrum Temple, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, in Jacksonville Thursday night Mr. Charles Goddard of this city was elected to the office of Mahedi. Some of Charlie's Ocala friends have sympathized with him at misfortune in having any such title imposed upon him, but the wise ones know that the office is one that any member of the popular D. O. K. K. may well feel proud of and are congratulating him upon his early start through the stations of the order. After some inquiry as to just what the duties of said Mahedi consist of, a Star reporter learns that it is the title of the keeper of the Khorassan zoo. Those who have witnessed the performance of the animals confined in the cages of the Moharrum outfit at times must confess that the position is one that requires a great deal of bravery as well as physical strength, both of which Charlie has always shown at the proper time and opportunity.

## FROM A GERMAN STANDPOINT

The Tageblatt's correspondent at Sofia telegraphs an interview he had with Field Marshal Baron von der Goltz while the latter was on his way to Constantinople. Regarding Belgium the baron said:

"The situation is normal, the population having convinced themselves that the Germans are not barbarians. Life continues as if in peace time and commerce and transportation are getting better.

"The Belgians fought bravely for their fatherland. Such opponents should be esteemed."

Answering questions regarding the western war situation the baron pointed out that an army of millions of German soldiers was in the enemy's country and that the richest French provinces were occupied.

"We don't underestimate our opponents," he said. "The French and English fight with utter contempt for death, but we are gradually winning ground and are convinced that some day the enemy's resistance will be broken.

"Germany is prepared to wage the war for years and the side which is able to stand the most and has the best discipline is bound to win. The enthusiasm and morale of the German soldier, fostered by good supply arrangements, we are sure will ultimately make us victorious."

Field Marshal von der Goltz said that he considered the Russian offensive had been a failure, but hard fighting still was in prospect.

"But the German army," he added, "which was victorious earlier against superior numbers, is bound to be so in the future."

He said he was convinced the Turkish army had greatly profited by its hard work of the last few years and would make a good record.

Perhaps a man who has never been pickled really knows how to sympathize with his fellow men, but the Star has its doubts.

Both Colonel Roosevelt and the Austrian navy have been bottled up for the last few weeks.

## BIRD SUPPER FOR THE K. OF P. BRETHREN

At the social session of the Knights of Pythias last evening the dreams of the past two weeks of over eighty Knights were made a reality.

The regular routine business of the lodge was gone through with, and besides a favorable passing upon four new candidates for membership, six new applications were read and disposed of.

Under the head of new business the lodge temporarily adjourned to listen to the reading of the entertainment committee's report. Among the other very interesting matters reported was that several hundred birds were then on the way to the hall for the appeasement of the hungry Knights' appetites.

The committee in charge appointed a number of members to assist in serving the feast, and each member was served at his seat in the hall a la picnic style with buttered rolls and birds. After the "solids" coffee was served; followed later by cigars.

When the feast began to lose interest to the Knights the lodge was again called to order and "good of the order" impromptu speeches were made by a number of the orators, near orators and no orators, all of which were highly enjoyed by their hearers.

Representatives were present from Reddick, McIntosh, Micanopy, Inverness, Fort McCoy and Jacksonville, and all gave good accounts of the growth of the Pythian order in their localities.

Judge William Gober, who has so successfully filled the chancellor commander's chair during the past year, made a splendid address, in which he impressed upon the membership the importance of attendance and loyalty to the officers of the lodge. The judge's talks are always of interest to the lodge and that of last evening was no exception to the rule, but, if possible, more impressive than usual. He expressed his appreciation of the manner in which the members had stood by him during his administration and pleaded for the same loyal support to his successor in the position that he vacates on the first meeting night in January.

Among the enjoyable features of the evening's entertainment was the exemplification of the unwritten work of the various ranks of the order by several of the best posted members of the lodge.

State Organizer Sassnet of Jacksonville, was among the guests of the lodge and made several very interesting and instructive speeches during the evening.

The committee on arrangements for the evening's festivities was given a vote of thanks for its excellent work in getting up this feast and the lodge adjourned, all present having the feeling, both expressed and apparent, of having had a most enjoyable time.

## BIRDS THAT WERE BIRDS

Several days ago when the committee of the Knights of Pythias for the bird supper given last night were corraling the quail, Mr. Grover McClure, one of the lodge's several prominent lawyer members, brought in five birds. Some one tried to cast a "smallness" on the donation, when Grover looked lovingly at his tribute and said that tho there were not so many of them they had cost something over \$2 a head just as they appeared on the scene at that time. Just what last evening's spread would have cost at the same ratio we must leave to someone more familiar with large figures than the Star reporter.

## APPRECIATES THE STAR

Redlands, Calif., Dec. 9, 1914. Editor Star: Enclosed please find a money order to renew my subscription to your paper. I would find it very hard indeed to pass the week without the coming of your paper. We read all of your news items with great interest and think with pleasure of our short but pleasant stay in Ocala, and hope at some future day to return to your city to make our home, for Ocala is the only place on the map of Florida for us. A. D. Coe.

And now our British cousins are violating neutrality down near Panama. War is like poker. When the game begins, friendship ceases.

In the last few days the county judge has issued marriage licenses to the following: Arthur G. Kuester and Miss Lenora M. Gutschlag, James B. McCullough and Miss Emma Isadora Thomas, Blake Brooks and Mrs. Mary Dean, William A. Davis and Miss Etta Mae Dodd, Fred M. Robinson and Miss Ollie May Sherouse. One of the couples, Mr. Brooks and Mrs. Dean, were joined in matrimony by the judge in his office Monday.

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## KHORASSAN KNIGHTS OF THE DRAMATIC ORDER

A Great Ceremonial Session Proposed by the Ocala Section of Moharrum Temple, No. 119

There is considerable stir among the members of the Ocala Section of Moharrum Temple, No. 119, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, for it is proposed by them to pull off a big ceremonial session at an early date, and put through their paces a class of at least twenty tyros. Now, the headquarters of Moharrum Temple, No. 119, is in the oasis of Jacksonville, where it has grown to be a very great and marvelously prosperous. It has a ceremonial divan which has won fame and glory in its home city and at St. Augustine, Palatka, Ocala and Tampa, but, like Alexander, the Great, who had conquered worlds, and sighed for more, the ceremonial chiefs of Moharrum Temple, No. 119, are unwilling to rest upon their oars, or to be content with past achievements, but are looking for new laurels all the time, and swear by the flowing beard of the prophet that they will keep up their work until every Knight of Pythias in Ocala and every other Florida city is safe within the Khorassan field. And the Ocala Section of Moharrum Temple, No. 119, is giving the parent temple in Jacksonville every possible encouragement.

Charles Goddard, the recently elected Mahedi of Moharrum Temple, No. 119, asks the Khorassans and Knights of Pythias of Ocala who have not bowed at the shrine of the Prophet to put their ears close to the ground, "for" declares he, "there is something surely doing on the other end of our line. The caravan is being made in Jacksonville now to move upon Ocala, and we want to meet the camels on the outskirts of town and give them safe escort to our castle hall."

At the head of this large gorgeous caravan will be Walter S. Russell, a deputy grand chancellor in the order of Knights of Pythias, who will appear in the ceremonies as royal vizier. When Walter was a lad he set type on an Ocala paper, and ever since has had a warm place in his heart for the capital of Marion County.

Imperial Representative James Douglass will be seen here in the roles of venerable sheik and "Jas," in each of which he has won renown. Mr. Douglass is recognized as one of the most brilliant dramatists attached to the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan.

Colonel Edward Williams will lead his fierce and untamable company of brigands, and will conduct the Ocala tyros along the winding paths leading up to his mountain home, where the lightning sometimes plays in awful madness. Colonel Williams is considered perfect in this extremely difficult part.

The grand emir will be W. Barnum Coker, and Gerard E. Muriel will deliver an oration.

Word comes from Jacksonville that several members of the Ocala Section of Moharrum Temple, No. 119, will be expected to "let their light shine" at the approaching ceremonial session, to the end that the occasion may go down in the Pythian history of Ocala as an occasion of the broadest inspiration, good cheer and fellowship.

Moharrum Temple, No. 119, held its annual meeting in Jacksonville, on Friday evening, December 11th, and elected officers for 1915, as follows, not overlooking the Ocala section: Royal vizier, John A. Hewlett; grand emir, Rufus C. Miller; venerable sheik, L. Harrison; mahedi, Charles Goddard; secretary, Henry N. Sassnet; treasurer, William C. West; satrap, W. Barnum Coker; sahib, C. M. Dickinson; representative to the Imperial Palace, James Douglass; imperial nawab, Walter S. Russell.

## PRESIDENT MAY VISIT FLORIDA

A special to the Jacksonville Metropolitan from Miami says: That President Woodrow Wilson, Secretary of the Treasury William McAdoo, Mrs. McAdoo and other close relatives and near connections of the president, will spend the holidays in Miami in a cottage which has been secured and is being made ready for them, now seems assured after negotiations which have taken several weeks to carry through to a successful termination.

## To Bed Late in the Morning.

Even in these matter-of-fact days parliament is still a weird and wonderful thing to country cousins in England. "I spent the week-end," says a gallery sketch writer, in a southern town. "What time do you start work at the house?" asked an old friend, a native. "Three o'clock," I replied, "and we finish at eleven." "Ah," commented the native, "I've often heard that parliament meets during the night so as not to be disturbed by the traffic, but it must seem a bit queer to be walking home to bed at eleven in the morning."



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Her Wants.  
"Does your wife want the vote?"  
"No. She wants a larger town house, a villa on the seacoast, and a new limousine car every six months. I'd be pleased most to death if she could fix her attention on a small matter like the vote."—New Orleans Picayune.

Become Critical as to Diet.  
"So many cases of ptomaine poisoning have occurred in France from eating stale oysters, or those grown in water containing sewage, that consumers are very critical about shell fish which have come a long distance."—CLEAN COTTON RAGS WANTED AT THIS OFFICE.  
Odd Fellows meet tonight.

Pythian Sisters meet tonight.